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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, \$1,000,000 Dollars.

Court of Directors.

Chairman—F. D. SIMON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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Hon. W. KESTON.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EMMET CAMERON, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 6 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 4 per cent. " "
" 18 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £500,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Banks.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.
Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Leaves).
CUT LOAF SUGAR.
CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).
CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark O. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LBS.
FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark O. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LBS.
MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark O. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LBS.
FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark O. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LBS.
COFFEE SUGAR, mark O. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LBS.
GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.
SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.
RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval.
ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.
AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.
BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).
ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGERS,
CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., LIMITED,
SHEWAN, WATSON & CO.,
HONGKONG.

March 4, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp.
COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.
SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS.
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.
MARRY'S PATENT LOGS.
METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases.
SPIRIT LEVELS, HAMMERS.
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS.
SAILORS' SEWING and ROPING PALMS.
COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations.
DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps.
PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes.
BOOKS.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS.
LETTIS DIARIES, for 1878.
NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.
WORKS OF REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.
IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER.
ROGERS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY.
MARRY'S PATENT SCISSORS.
MANIFOLD WRITERS.
LETTER SCALES.
STATIONERY OF ALL KINDS.
BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.
CARD-BOARD, assorted Colours.
DATE BACKS, INVOICE FILES.
QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES.
UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK, MAUVE INK.
MAYNARD & NOYES' WRITING and COPYING INK.
NUCLAGE, &c., &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S
CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE,
and
HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANTIA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.
BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.
Finest CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

FOR SALE.
COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.
Apply to
GAS COMPANY,
West Point.
Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE 90 A 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP "ARGENTINO,"
915 Tons Register (1426 Tons Gross).
For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.
Hongkong, June 4, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-fourth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th July instant, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors, by Order of the Board of Directors.
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th day of July instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients at No. 1, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, Hongkong, J. 4, 1878.

W. BALL.

CHINA DISPENSARY.
IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.
Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness and Prompt Attention.

PRATA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

DRAWING PAPER.
FARIN'S BAU DE COLOGNE.
TRACING PAPER and CLOTH.
QUININE.
RED INK for STEEL PENS.
BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.
PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.
SUMMER SHOES.
LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.
NEW SHIRTS and COLLARS.
GRAPHOSCOPES.
STUDENT'S DICTIONARIES.

PEN-MAKING MACHINES.
CARBOLIC ACID.
NEW PLAYING CARDS.
IRIDESCENT FLOWER VASES.
IRIDESCENT SPECIMEN GLASSES.
FLOWER TROUGHS.
ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.
AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.
TABLE CUTLERY.
GOLD LEAF TOBACCO.
THE NEW LIFE JACKET.
G. B. D. PIPES.
IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR SUPPLY OF THE NEW SEASON'S

CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

This well-known and delicious Tea, is a most acceptable present to home friends, and is delivered free of all charges or duty to any part of Great Britain, at \$8 per 6 Catty and \$14 per 10 Catty Box.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

Intimations.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.
At 3 months' notice 8% per annum.
" 6 " " 7% " "
" 12 " " 6% " "
D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,
and
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, June 20, 1878.

BALL'S
NEOTAK CORDIAL,
MADE FROM HERBS,
A STIMULANT AND APPETIZER.

WHOLESALE AGENTS FOR GREAT BRITAIN:
MESSRS. GEO. CUKLING & Co.,
St. Mary Axe, London.

W. BALL,
China Dispensary, Hongkong.

June 20, 1878.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to intimate that, during the months of July, August, and September, the Price of ICE will be 24 Cents per lb. The smallest quantity sold, 4 pounds.
As the demand at present is more than we can meet, and will be heavier during the above months, we have decided upon this advance in price solely with the object of keeping the consumption within the producing power of our present machinery, and so endeavouring to give all consumers a share. As soon as the price will be reduced again to the usual 2 Cents per pound.
While thanking the Community for the support they have hitherto accorded us, we trust they will bear with us at this time in our efforts to meet the wants of all, as next year, with the addition of our new Machinery, there will be no lack of supplies, and consequently no necessity for going beyond the charge of 2 Cents per lb.

KYLE & BAIN.

Hongkong, June 27, 1878.

Volume Sixth of the
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 6—Vol. VI.
—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—
Tabular View of the Officials composing the Chinese Provincial Governments.
Imperial Confucianism.
Brief Sketches from the Life of Kung ming.
Chinese Allegory.
The Chinese Dictionary of Chinese.
The Canton Language.
Ti Tsu Kwei 弟子規 Rules for Sons and Younger Brothers.
Sheet Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries:—
In Memoriam.
Were You and Shun Historical Personages?
Whitewind at Canton.
Zoology.
Sports.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twelfth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Following is the SCALE of RATES for S.I.L.K., with Average, that will be charged by the above Company at this Port for the present Season.

To the Continent, by Mail Steamers, 1%
United Kingdom, do, 1%
do, by Holt's & Glen Stra., 1%
do, by Castle Stra., 1%
do, by other first-class Stra., 2%

By Order,
W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER,
and to
R. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs of the Ruins and destructions at Canton, caused by the Tornado of the 11th instant. Coloured Photographs of English Ladies, Russian Leather, Velvet, Morocco, and Carved-wood Photographic Albums; Scrap Books, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums; Frames and Cases. Gift Moulding for Frames, all of assorted sizes, tastes and prices.

The above has pleasure to inform the public of Hongkong that he has engaged the assistance of Mr. Griffith (for many years manager and principal operator to Mr. Saunders of Shanghai), and having carefully arranged the light of his New Studio and secured the newest and best appliances for obtaining the highest excellence in his work, he is now ready to produce Cartes de Visite, Cabinets, Enlargements; and all the latest Novelties in Photographic Portraiture.

Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our pack-ages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING Co.,
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG SILVER SUBSIDIARY COINS.

NOTICE is hereby given that these COINS, of the respective Values of 20 CENTS, 10 CENTS, and 5 CENTS Each, can be obtained at par at the Colonial Treasury, and at the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank.

By Command,
J. M. PRICE,
Act. Col. Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, June 26, 1878.

NOTICE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. are prepared to SUPPLY FAMILIES and SHIPS with the SUGARS MANUFACTURED by the ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND GODOWNS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,
the 16th July, 1878, at Half-past Three P.M.,

In the Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, The following very VALUABLE LOTS of LAND, with GODOWNS, &c., erected thereon, at Wanchai and Bowington in Hongkong.

Particular attention of Investors is invited to the Sale of these very suitable Properties.

The LOTS will be put up Separately as under.

LOT No. 1.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated at Wanchai in Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 110, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 29,400 square feet, with Four Godowns Numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, erected thereon, and one Timber Yard. Crown Rent, \$324 per Annum.

LOT No. 2.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated at Wanchai in Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 113 and 114, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground No. 113 contains in the whole about 19,964, and No. 114 contains in the whole about 19,110 square feet, with Eight Godowns Numbered 50, 50A, 50B, 50C, 50D, 51, 52, and 53, erected thereon. Crown Rent, \$456 per Annum.

LOT No. 3.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated at Wanchai in Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 120, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 17,400 square feet, with Four Godowns Numbered 54, 54A, 55, and 55A, erected thereon. Crown Rent, \$180 per Annum.

LOT No. 4.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated at Wanchai in Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 443, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 3510 square feet, with One Godown Numbered 6, and one Blacksmith's Shop, erected thereon. Crown Rent, \$54.16 per Annum.

LOT No. 5.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated at Bowington in Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 745, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 12,017 square feet, with Four Godowns Numbered 92, 92A, 93, 93A, erected thereon. Crown Rent, \$185.38 per Annum.

TERMS of SALE.—One-fourth of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. N. MODY,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon on SATURDAY, 20th JULY, all the valuable LAND, HOUSES, &c., &c., situate at the Port of TAMSUI, FORMOSA, and known as the PAOU-SHEN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.

Lot 1. Consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLES, &c., &c.

Lot 2. A plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to
ELLES & Co.,
TAMSAI.

Tamsai, 18th June, 1878.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. S. J. DAVID in our Firm at this Port, and in China, CEASED on the 31st December, 1875.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, June 14, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Dutch Steamer "JAV4,"
Captain Wessie, will leave here for the above Ports, and will leave this on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOF KEE.

Hongkong, July 8, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The Steamer "VALDERA,"
ROBERT DRYOS WILLIAMS, Commander, will be despatched on or about the 15th July.

The "Valdera" has good Accommodation for Passengers and Cargo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MATTHEW & Co.

Hongkong, June 8, 1878.

FOR NAGASAKI, WLADEWOSTOK AND NICHOLAJEWSK.

The Danish Steamer "NORDEN,"
BOESSEN, Master, shortly expected, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. FUSIAO & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 American Bark "NAVYBARK,"
BARNSTON, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Clipper Ship "SIR HENRY PARKES,"
S. CHAMBERLAIN, Master, has the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will meet with quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 Ship "SIR CHARLES NAPIER,"
FRENCH, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 17, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Bark "E. G. JOHNSON,"
COZZI, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Ship "ANTHONY,"
GABROCK, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, June 5, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Consignees of the undernoted Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to defray expenses.

A R 1/2, 2 Cases Muskets, Ex "Oxfordshire," from London, 3rd March, 1876. JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co. Hongkong, June 28, 1878. j29

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE British S. S. Japan, Captain H. De SMIDT, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 5, 1878. j22

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 10 a.m., the 5th instant, at 10 a.m. requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Saturday, the 13th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent. Hongkong, July 5, 1878. j218

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent. Ex "Amazona," from 1 case Indus, 1 case Marcellus. Hongkong, June 28, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANNA LOWRY, British barque, Captain B. Galea. — Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

MARTHA BROOKLYN, German barque, Captain Kint. — Meyer & Co.

JEAN PIERRE, French barque, Captain Legasse. — Carlowitz & Co.

SIRI, German barque, Captain S. L. B. Sorenson. — Wm. Pusan & Co.

KATE TATHAM, British barque, Captain Fokkitt. — Birley & Co.

JULIANE, German S.M. schooner, Captain J. Oeggmann. — Wm. Pusan & Co.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship "GLENIFFER," shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co. Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. 1 American Schooner, "CHARLES L. PEARSON," SWAIN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU.

The A. 1 French Bark, "JEAN PIERRE," LEGASSE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF CENTS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on 5th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 15th July.

Warrants will be delivered by the Underigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 15th July, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators. Shanghai, July 4, 1878. j210

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

DAVE CARSON'S MINSTREL, VARIETY AND COMEDY COMPANY.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE!"

"FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE!"

DAVE CARSON MADE A GENERAL.

Mr. CARSON received the following Telegram by Post, on MONDAY, Jan. 1st, 1877:

"Delhi Imperial Camp, Jan. 1st, 1877. Extract from the Imperial Gazette, by H.E. THE VICE-EMPEROR:

To be general in the Imperial Army, DAVE CARSON, Esq., WITH A NEW SUIT OF WAR PAINT, A CHARGER AND A BANNER; Salute of Nineteen Guns on entering any Cantonment in India."

Owing to the Great Honour paid him, GENERAL DAVE CARSON will have the honour of reviewing his VOLUNTEER WARRIORS, TO-NIGHT, 10th JULY, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

ARTICLE I.—Introductory Overture, DAVE CARSON'S TROOP.

ARTICLE II.—"For-esters Sound the Cheerful Horn," Sir H. Bishop, DAVE CARSON'S TROOP.

ARTICLE III.—"Clasp-ing Hands," MR. J. E. ARNOLD.

ARTICLE IV.—"The Gwine-way to leave you," MR. GEO. NORVILLE.

ARTICLE V.—"Little Daisy," MR. J. B. FERRELL.

ARTICLE VI.—"Oh would I were thy," DAVE CARSON.

ARTICLE VII.—"Chasing away," MR. GEO. NORVILLE.

ARTICLE VIII.—"Vocal Trio," "Fair Flora," DAVE CARSON'S TROOP.

In conclusion GENERAL DAVE CARSON'S VOLUNTEER WARRIORS will Muster for Military Evolutions, AUTUMN MANOEUVRES AND OTHER RECREATIONS.

HARK THE DRUM! THE DISTANT FIFE!

Approach of the Warriors! Eyes Right!—Left Wheel!—Forward March to Head-Quarters!

THREE CHEERS FOR THE EMPRESS OF INDIA.

An Interval of Ten Minutes.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

"ETTA,"

THE HIGHLAND LADDIE.

To be followed by an Original Humorous Trifle, entitled,

AN OPERATIO REHARRAL.

Signora Oyster Patti, MR. J. B. FERRELL. Host Big-Bruder, DAVE CARSON. Impresario, MR. GEO. NORVILLE.

VOCAL DUET "LARGO BOARD WATCH," MESSRS. NORVILLE AND ARNOLD.

General Orders No. 2 will terminate with THE EMPRESS OF THE SALTA-TORIAL ART, "ETTA."

IN HER GREAT IMPERSONATION OF LIVELY NANCIE.

An Interval of Ten Minutes.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

FARCE!

The Entertainment will conclude with a Screaming Farce, entitled, BROWNE, THE MARTYR.

CHARACTERS.

Edward Browne (the Martyr), MR. J. B. FERRELL.

Terebith Torper-ton (an Artist), MR. GEO. NORVILLE.

Mrs Browne (the Martyr's Wife), MRS. NORVILLE.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra, Two Dollars.

Stalls, One Dollar.

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Children in Arms, FIFTY DOLLARS!

Seats may be secured at Messrs LARK, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

Doors Open at 8 p.m.—Trouble begins at 9.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Smoking Strictly Prohibited.

CONVEYANCES MAY BE ORDERED FOR 11.15.

Dave Carson's United Minstrel and Burlesque Album, containing the Bengalee Baboo and 24 other Popular Songs and Choruses, with Pianoforte Accompaniments, can be obtained of Messrs LARK, CRAWFORD & Co. and at the Doors. Price, \$1.

Hongkong, July 10, 1878. j211

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

DIRECTION DE L'INTERIEUR.

AVIS D'ADJUDICATION.

Le SAMEDI 24 août 1878, à huit heures du matin, dans la salle ordinaire des adjudications de la Direction de l'Intérieur, à Saigon, il sera procédé à l'adjudication, sur soumissions cachetées,

DES TERRES BOUEES.

En VERTU ET DES BREVETS DE S. M. LE ROI DE SAOIGON, 1878.

30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-1229-1230-1231-1232-1233-1234-1235-1236-1237-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the city, though he became a martyr for his dedication and patriotism. It was sealed by the fire of the Portuguese soldiers who routed and drove the Chinese troops beyond Paesaleio. These are facts well known by the present generation, for they are dated 1849.

Re-vindicating thus the rights of the King of Portugal, which exist in this colony, rights which might have been underrated in face of the answer your Excellency ordered to be given, which was published as I have said, I renew my protest before Your Excellency against all unfavorable inferences which may be drawn from the said answer, and I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I will bring this fact to the knowledge of my Government and of the Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of Great Britain at Peking, and I will publish this despatch to destroy all unfavorable impressions, which are to me, extremely disagreeable.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my personal sentiments of the highest consideration.

To the most illustrious and most excellent Senhor John Pope Hennessy, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Hongkong.

CARLOS EUGENIO CORREIA DA SILVA, Governor of Macao and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are informed that the lease of the Hongkong Hotel has been again undertaken by one of the former lessees, Mr Dorabjee Nowrojee.

This ship *Mt-y-don* cleared from Sydney for Hongkong, via Newcastle, on June 10th. For Manila the *Craigouli* cleared from the same port on same day.

Our evening contemporary at Shanghai, the *Shanghai Courier*, has been recently enlarged and considerably improved in appearance.

An inquest was held at the Gaol on the body of a prisoner named Cheong Aye, before the coroner, C. V. Creagh, Esq. Dr. Ayres proved the cause of death (rupture of the spleen), and the Jury, comprising Messrs A. Shanburg, J. P. Tavares, and C. F. Presslock, returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

In our last night's issue we erroneously stated that the "Humanoes" were to turn out for parade at 11 p.m. on Thursday; it should have been 9 p.m. Perhaps it would have been as well at 11 p.m. or better still at 2 a.m., but the neighbours might complain, always supposing the members turned out in full force, which they have hitherto failed to do even in daylight.

It is refreshing to learn that the building of foreign houses has not been entirely abolished in Hongkong. The plans of a new building for the Chartered Bank, proposed to be erected at the corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street, are now completed, and we believe that the work will be proceeded with at an early date. A new storey will be put upon the house hitherto occupied by Messrs Landstein & Co. (known as Dent's house in the olden days), after which, rumour has it, the block will be tenanted by the two Telegraph Companies. It is also stated to be the intention of an eminent property-holder to build a new house between the Hongkong Hotel and Dent's house, which will improve the appearance of this already handsome, substantial, and central portion of the city.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

This evening, at 6 p.m., His Excellency the Governor reviewed the Volunteer Corps on the north parade ground at the Artillery Barracks, and distributed the commissions to the volunteer officers selected to receive them. His Excellency was accompanied by the Acting Chief Justice, the members of the Legislative Council, the Heads of most of the Government Departments in the Colony, and Major Palmer. The volunteers mustered to the strength of about 130, and went through various evolutions, including gun drill, in the most satisfactory manner. A large number of residents were present to witness the proceedings. At the conclusion of the movements, the volunteers were formed into three sides of a square, when His Excellency addressed them, and presented the commissions.

After some preliminary observations, His Excellency said: Gentlemen, on an occasion like this it is only natural for me to say that this movement has been restored, not in times of ordinary peace, but at a very critical period in the history of the Empire; and when, as you all know, you might have been called upon, and may perhaps yet be called upon, to perform active service in defence of this Colony. My honorable friends, the members of the Legislative Council, and his Honor the Chief Justice, whom I see here to-day, they will all witness to the display that we have seen to the fact that in this little Colony we have to-day a number of men who in their appearance, for their discipline, and for their drill, are, I say, for the population of this Colony, not surpassed by any volunteers in any part of the Empire. I believe we have also the pleasure of having present here to-day, though we did not intend to make it a military display, some of our gallant friends, the officers of the garrison; and I think I may also appeal to them whether six weeks' training, for that is all my friends here have had

under Captain Dempster, has not to-day produced a body of men, of whom we may be fairly proud (hear hear). Now, gentlemen, it becomes my duty, the volunteer force having been re-constituted, to distribute the commissions to officers who have been selected for them. I have now to inform you that I have selected five officers from the list you placed before me. The first that I have chosen for the commission of Captain is our old and valued friend, Mr Coxon. I have selected him for the very good reason that he was at the head of the pile. He had the largest number of votes; and in addition to that, I need hardly tell you that there is very little doubt of it, he is the most efficient officer you could select as senior Captain. He held a commission as Captain from Sir Hercules Robinson, and I shall have pleasure in handing him another to-day. In looking at the list I find that the next name in the order of your election was Mr Francis, and accordingly I shall have pleasure in giving to him the second Captain's commission. The third in the list, according to the order of your own selection, was Mr Grant. He has received the first Lieutenant's commission. The fourth in the list is Mr Danby, who will also receive a Lieutenant's commission. I may mention that the total number of votes given to Mr Danby was the same as the total number given to another gentleman; but he prefers to serve in the ranks, and therefore I have had to give a fifth commission, and in selecting a gentleman for it, I have taken one who is amongst the first group in the list of names that your votes have placed before me, and I shall have much pleasure in giving this commission to Mr Cohen, who was formerly an officer in Sir Hercules Robinson's time. They are practically your own selection. You know who are the men with whom you can work best; you know who are the officers with whom you desire to work, and, knowing that, it now becomes my passing duty to give these commissions to the officers whom you have selected.

The commissions were then distributed to the recipients, each of whom received a round of applause as he stepped forward. At the suggestion of His Excellency three cheers were given for the Queen, and subsequently others were given for Captain Dempster, and His Excellency the Governor.

CAPTAIN STURROCK, of the steamer *Merionethshire*, which arrived here (Singapore) yesterday (July 1st) and sailed again for China this morning, was detained nearly four days on his voyage from Suva to Hongkong by the urgent call which was made upon him to render assistance to the stranded steamer *Garonne*, and to which he responded with praiseworthy and sailor-like promptitude. It seems that the *Garonne*, (whose stranding was announced in our telegraphic summary of the 23rd June), is a vessel of 3,871 tons register, and was bound from Adelaide to London via the Suez Canal with nearly 600 passengers on board. On the 26th June she stranded at Ras Hafson, 100 miles S. W. of Cape Guardafui, and after 24 hours' strenuous but unsuccessful efforts to get her afloat, a vessel was dispatched in charge of the 2nd Officer and a volunteer crew, to intercept any passing steamer they might meet at Cape Guardafui, or, if none were met with, to proceed on to Aden for assistance. For several days the boat encountered nothing but light air and calm, and the work at the oars began to tell very heavily on the crew. On the 11th, they had made about 250 miles towards Aden, when, at 1 a.m., they sighted the light of a steamer apparently a mile distant, but though they sent up rockets and burnt blue lights in the boat, no notice was taken of them. On the night of the 13th June, however, they succeeded in attracting the attention of the *Merionethshire*, and Captain Sturrock, who received them on board with great kindness, at once consented to proceed to the assistance of her, and a course was steered for the scene of the stranding. Bad weather, however, rendered it imprudent to attempt to approach nearer than the north Ras Hafson, where the *Merionethshire* was brought to anchor, and a party in charge of Mr. Reid, Chief Officer, and well armed, was despatched overland about 12 miles to the spot where the *Garonne* had stranded. On arrival there, however, they found no appearance of the *Garonne*, and were informed by the Natives that she had succeeded in getting afloat and had proceeded in the direction of Aden. The party being assured that this was the case, and that further effort was useless for, returned to the *Merionethshire*, and reported the circumstances to Captain Sturrock, who immediately proceeded to Gall, where he landed the boat's crew of the *Garonne*, receiving from them the warmest recognition of his kindness and humane conduct.

We do not think Captain Sturrock or his officers are likely to suffer by the four days' thus lost to them on the outward voyage. The prompt and unhesitating response made to the appeal for succor in such an emergency cannot but meet with the approval and commendation of all.—*Strait Times*.

WORK FOR JAPAN.—A day or two ago we referred to some wool intended for shipment to Japan. An idea characteristic of British enterprise and love of trade arose amongst the members of the Agricultural Society, that it would be desirable to see if business connections could not be satisfactorily established between this colony and Japan, at least as far as wool is concerned. The impression that it would be possible to find a market for this commodity nears England, and amongst a nation so numerous as to create a demand for the staple production of the colony, was very generally admitted; and to bring matters to a head, Mr P. M. Trebeck was requested to prepare a collection of wools suitable for convincing the Japanese, if they are consumers of that article, that the colony is able to meet any of their wants in respect to it. Mr Trebeck acquiesced in the views and desires of his colleagues, and has now completed his labour in an extremely gratifying manner, and it is hoped by the society that his efforts, combined with their own, will not only lead to trade with the Japanese, but through them with the numerous inhabitants of the Chinese Empire also, as some difficulty has hitherto been experienced in commencing to deal direct with China. The samples of wool chosen for the society's objects have been selected from the best specimens on view at the late Exhibition, where they had many admirers. Their qualities have not been surpassed here, and their type are those most in favour for the manufacture of the finest cashmeres and merinos. They are five cases. The first of these will contain the same quantity of wool as the

three lambs' fleeces, all of combing wool, grown by Mr. A. W. Kermode. These form the most beautiful array of washed wool that has ever appeared in Sydney. It has been packed in a box 4 ft up specially for the occasion, and consisting of fine-grained rosette, beech, pine, and cedar. This lot, especially intended for his Majesty the Emperor of Japan, will be a present from the Agricultural Society. The other cases contain respectively unwashed merino wool, produced by Mr. A. W. Kermode and Mr. E. W. Kermode and Mr. E. W. Pitt, and unwashed wools by Messrs Peppin and Sons, Clive and Hamilton, J. F. and R. White, and Mr. F. R. White. They are all high-class wools, and intended for distribution amongst manufacturers in the country they are going to. Arrangements have been effected for shipping the cases by the A. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thales*, which is announced to start to-day for Hongkong; and Sir Harry Parkes, H. B. M. Ambassador at Yeddo, to whom they will be consigned, will be requested to see, as far as in him lies, that they reach the destinations for which the society here intend them.—*Sydney Morning Herald*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)
July 10, 1878.

Wan Ah-chung, a soldier, unemployed, was charged with highway robbery with violence at Yow-ma-ti. The case was remanded until the 16th instant.

CHARGE OF FALSE IMPRISONMENT.—Mr Charles Balla Franks, chief officer of the British ship *Hindostan*, was summoned at the instance of one of the men (William Edward Taylor) for having unlawfully and without due cause imprisoned the complainant. The complainant stated that he was an able seaman on board the *Hindostan*. The day before yesterday he took out a summons against the Chief Officer for an assault. On his return to the *Hindostan* from the Harbour Office, where he had been to obtain the summons, the defendant looked him in a room and kept him there for several hours, and then charged him with being absent without leave, insolence and drunkenness. Complainant was taken on board the Police Hulk, but was sent back on board his ship. The Master of the ship said complainant was given in charge owing to his having interfered with the Chief Officer whilst he was endeavouring to keep a drunken man out of the ship. Remanded until Friday next, the 12th instant.

ASSAULT.

Later in the day the complainant in the previous case (William Edward Taylor) was charged by Captain Belgin, the master of the British ship *Hindostan*, who was a witness in the case, with having assaulted him outside the Court while he (the Captain) was talking to the mate. He used his fists, making marks on the complainant's cheeks. Mr Phineas Henry Emanuel proved witness. The assault, which was wholly unprovoked. Witness caught hold of the defendant when about to strike a second blow. Defendant admitted the charge and was sent to 2 months' hard labour.

DRUNKENNESS.

John Brooks, fireman, U.S.S. *Ranger*, was fined \$3 for the above offence. When arrested he had an open knife in his hand and was very violent.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor James Russell, Esq., Acting Puisne Judge.)
10th July, 1878.

Chai Wong v. Marques, Junr. \$95.75.—This was a claim for balance of amount due on account of certain articles of furniture supplied. The plaintiff is a furniture dealer, and the defendant an assistant at Messrs Sayle & Co's. The defendant denied liability on the ground that the amount he had already paid was more than the value of the goods he had received. It appears that the plaintiff had agreed to supply certain articles of furniture for \$225, and the defendant at the time the contract was made paid \$125 as bargain money and subsequently \$80 more. The goods were not according to contract, and the amount already paid, the defendant urged, was more than they are worth. The case was referred to the arbitration of Ahoo, a carpenter in Wellington Street. Mr Dennis appeared for the defendant.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff in the case of Wong Aiyang and another v. J. Kennedy, which was a claim for \$36.80, for work and labour done.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DAVE CARSON AND "AN OLD THESPIAN."

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—I was under the impression that the moderate tone in which I replied to the scurrilous attack made upon me by "An Old Thespian" would have caused that gentleman (if, he intended, to answer to at least have used language better fitted for one who has chosen in his second attack upon me.

It is evident he has lost his temper and his common sense with it. I will not refer to the manner in which he abuses you, knowing well that you are fully capable of defending yourself. Somebody says, (and no doubt "An Old Thespian" who seems to know everything, could give his name,) "Foolishness in where angels fear to tread," and "An Old Thespian" has rushed in with a vengeance. He charges me with having corresponded with you, "for the purpose of securing an extra advertisement, free of charge." Can anything be more mean than such an implication? Did he not know that this "wordy warfare" I leave it to your readers, and those of your contemporary, to refer to your respective files; and they will find that I advertise daily, to a greater extent than any other company travelling. Therefore they will see there is no necessity for his insinuation that I sought a gratuitous advertisement.

"An Old Thespian" lays claim to "15 years' practical experience in the Dramatic, Musical, and Critical Circles of the first cities in Great Britain." It is a pity he did not specify their names, instead of saying

to Hongkong, to cut up a wandering minstrel like myself.

In answer to my request, that "An Old Thespian" would publish his name, and not stab me in the dark, he says, "I regret that for reasons of business which he may not be able to comprehend, I cannot oblige him to this letter." He does not take into consideration how he has endeavored to injure my business.

However, let "An Old Thespian" be assured that not only myself, but the majority of my patrons, know his name and occupation, and that at the 15 years ago to which he alludes, "An Old Thespian" must have been a boy of scarce ten years of age. What an experienced critic of the "Dramatic and Musical circles of the first cities in Great Britain!" In fact, it is owing to his youth and want of experience that I have refrained from prosecuting him for libel.

I do not think that the general public of Hongkong would interest themselves much to know who the individual is; for all they care, I should judge, it would be immaterial to them, whether his name be Smith, Brown, Jones, or Robinson.

Avent the non-performance of "The Bouleau Baboo" on Wednesday last. Again, Mr Editor, to you and the public I positively assert that it was not until the last verse of Mr Arnold's song that I discovered the absence of the principal portion of the costume. I do not deny that it was a great oversight. It is one that has never occurred before, and owing to the abuse I have received, such a *faux pas* can never happen again.

"An Old Thespian" asks me "How long ago was it, when a gentleman, whose personal appearance I alluded to at one of my entertainments, privately remonstrated with me upon the matter?"

I do not remember any such circumstance, (I presume "An Old Thespian" will say, I have a very convenient memory) but, what he states is a fact, why did "An Old Thespian" take me privately upon his grievance, instead of running into print and foully abusing me?

I likewise do not remember (convenient memory again) having alluded to "a gentleman of high position, a member of one of our most eminent firms, and one of the most popular men in Hongkong, notwithstanding his eccentricities, in a style that was considered grossly 'fensive,' but I do distinctly remember (most convenient memory) that during one of my former visits I alluded to a rum-seller, whose liquor I stated was warranted to kill at a thousand yards.

I also remember having alluded to "an old resident, holding a responsible position in a well known firm, and who happens to be a man of keen susceptibilities," but my allusion was simply to his "lady killing" propensities. I was not aware that he had any other infirmity. Neither of the above parties communicated with me directly upon the matter.

And now, Sir, I must apologise to you for taking up so much of your valuable space upon such a frivolous subject, but, like Oliver Twist, I must "ask for more."

Upon reading "An Old Thespian's" second attack upon me, my first intention was to rest contented with your editorial foot-notes, but, having nothing better to do, I have amused myself by scribbling the above.

And now permit me to conclude, by offering to "An Old Thespian" a best consideration, the following extract from our old friend Walter Maynard's (our old friend Maybrick, Stephen Adams—a delicious) popular work entitled "The Enterprising Impresario."

At page 12, he will read as follows: "Theatrical and musical affairs seem to be favourite topics with those members of society who delight in making themselves a name for exclusive information on questions of general interest."

By these valiant knights of the long bow it is considered quite justifiable to make the most malignant assertions as to the private life of any public favorite, singer or actor, male or female. They will tell you how they know for a fact that Barakoli the tenor was unable to appear last week, owing to his being, as usual, too intoxicated to walk across the stage."

"Unless those be present who care to contradict the statement, it passes for reliable information, and poor Barakoli's reputation suffers in consequence; whereas if the chatterer be challenged for his authority, it invariably ends in the whole story being disproved and the listeners convinced of its injustice."

"Society, however, encourages these idle tales about any artist who happens to be popular, and slanders that would be resented and cried down with indignation about a private individual may with impunity be invented and circulated when its victim is any favourite with the public."

Let us have peace—So mote it be.

I have the honor to remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
DAVE CARSON.

*We can assure our Correspondent that he errs greatly respecting the age and experience of "An Old Thespian."—Ed. C. M.

MACAO.

A correspondent writes:—"The Hongkong Governor's reply to the Chinese petitioners about the exportation of gunpowder to Macao has caused a great hubbub at Macao, not for the sake of the powder, about which nobody there cares a bit, but because this Excellency in his reply had said that the Chinese authorities at Canton consider Macao as part of the Chinese Empire. I have italicised the three words, for some of the Macaoese, either for want of sufficient knowledge of the English language, or blind with national enthusiasm, are much annoyed with Mr Pope Hennessy because they believed His Excellency to have written to the Chinese to say that Macao is their territory! A more deplorable *quid pro quo* I have never seen. Placed in similar circumstances I cannot devise any other reply than the one given by Mr Hennessy possible and reasonable."

I regret to read in your morning contemporary the utterance of his "Own Correspondent" at Macao, and I beg to assure you that his opinions are not shared by the sensible portion of the community. Mr Hennessy being a diplomatist of high standing knows well enough that the duties of his position forbid him to enter into international controversy with the Chinese provincial authorities to decide the question of the autonomy of the Portuguese colony of Macao.

"That the Chinese have always denied our right to Macao is well known to every one of us, and for this very reason the ratification of our Treaty has been refused."

"Instead of directing invectives and pouring unprovoked sarcasm against Mr Hennessy, I would recommend a position to the Home Government to come at once to some understanding with the Court of Peking, as the most sensible course to pursue. The want of a Treaty is more and more keenly felt every day. We have no basis to act upon in our dealings with China, and I am astonished that serious complications have not already broken out between the two countries, averted until now by the tact and energy of our governors who, on many occasions, must have found it very difficult to reconcile the dignity of their flag with the abject position of the settlement."

"This state of affairs cannot last long, and a cataclysm may burst out when least expected. That we shall cling to Macao as the periwinkle to their shells, there is not a shadow of a doubt. In 1821 we were ejected from China by a general massacre in Tamao, repeated again in 1845, when 800 Portuguese and 35 ships were destroyed. The same tragedy may again be attempted, but let us hope not without impunity."

"The Governor of Macao has addressed three protests, one to the Governor of Hongkong, one to the Governor and another to the Hoppo of Canton, and have ordered all these documents to be published in an extraordinary number of the *Boletim do Governo*, which will be issued to-day and is expected here to-morrow. Senhor Silva most energetically maintains the Portuguese supremacy over the peninsula of Macao, which he will defend to the last, and should Customs officers prove aggressive he will make reprisals."

"It is painful to observe that so intelligent a man as the present Governor of Macao has also misunderstood the meaning of Mr Hennessy's reply."—J. J. S. S.

China.

SHANGHAI.

It will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, that Mr George Corner has been appointed Secretary of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, in place of the late Mr Walter Pearson.

Messrs. Russell & Co., the liquidators of the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company, announce that a fifth return of capital, at the rate of £1.250 per share, will be made to shareholders of record on the 6th inst., payable on the 15th instant.

The *Sin-pao* of yesterday's date has the following:—*Civil Service Clerks in trouble.*—The strictness of Foreign laws against breaches of official confidence is not confined to treating as serious offences those cases in which military affairs have been divulged. A recent telegram, dated the 1st of July, states that a Proclamation has been issued by the Court of England, commanding that the clerks in the Foreign Office shall one and all be bound, thrown into prison and be put to the question, for making public matter officially known to them. The results of the enquiry shall be given in a future issue.

Japan.

NAGASAKI.

Of late, complaints have been very frequent among shipmasters, loading coal at this port, with reference to discrepancies in weight between loading and discharging, and there can be no question that some underhand work has been going on for some length of time. One such case might possibly be accounted for through a mistake in tallying, but when instance after instance crops up, the only conclusion to be arrived at, is that there is some collusion between the junk-master and the clerks employed in weighing, who probably divide the spoil between them. The broker has, the *Sun* imagines, little or no complicity in the fraud, as dishonesty in such a matter would only tend to injure his reputation; but who whoever the fault may lie, the subject is sufficiently serious to demand investigation on the part of the authorities, who, it seems, will give the matter their consideration by endeavouring to lessen the danger of such a serious evil becoming customary.—*Rising Sun*.

Australian News.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.—London, May 20.—The Australian Team of Cricketers have met with a most enthusiastic reception at Nottingham, where their first match commenced to-day.

The Australians went first to the wickets, scoring 63 runs, of which Garrett made 20. When the stumps were drawn, six wickets of the Nottingham Eleven were down for 81 runs. The weather was most unfavorable, rain almost uninterruptedly throughout the day.

Nottingham, May 21.—The first innings of the Nottingham Eleven closed for 153 runs, of which Selby made 68. The best bowling average was made by Horn, who took 6 wickets in 17 overs for 81 runs. The Australian team, in their second innings, have made 48 runs with the loss of 4 wickets. In consequence of heavy rain, the ground is very dead and against run-getting.

Nottingham, May 22.—The second innings of the Australian eleven has closed for 139 runs.

The Australians were beaten in one innings. Their batting throughout the game was weak.

The top score on the Australian side was made by Garrett with 41 runs. Midwinter, playing for the Nottingham eleven, carried his bat through the innings.

London, June 11.—The following team will represent the Gentlemen Players of England in the match with the Australian Eleven on Monday next, June 17:—Hon. A. Lyttelton, Hon. E. Lyttelton, Messrs. E. M. Grace, W. G. Grace, G. F. Grace, W. R. Gilbert, W. H. Hadon, J. A. Bush, G. Strachan, and Webber.

The *Southampton Bulletin* writes:—It must be exceedingly gratifying to Australian colonists, whether native-born or of European birth, to read of the grand and continued success of the Australian Eleven in their matches with the cricket clubs of England. To the majority of Englishmen this success of their antipodean cousins, seems almost beyond belief; and it is hard indeed for them to credit that their countrymen have been beaten at the game, on their own ground. The defeat sustained by Lilywhite's Eleven on their visit to the colonies was generally attributed to heat, but such an explanation, however correct, cannot be made now, and they will have to reluctantly acknowledge that the Australians are superior to

them at their own pet game. More power to them, say I, they have proved themselves worthy to uphold the honour of their country, against some of the best cricketers in England; and though they were defeated in their opening contest have since easily won every match they have played. Eleven of Marylebone, Yorkshire, and Surrey, and Eighteen of Elland and Batley, have all been defeated; and there is reason to hope that future matches will be equally successful. Perhaps nothing is so calculated to bring Australia into notice as this very success. Englishmen particularly, and justly, pride themselves on their skill and inviolability at field sports of all kinds, and will look with respect and admiration on those who have so conclusively shown their superiority. The match with the gentlemen of England commences on Monday next. The team is a strong one, and no doubt a Herculean effort will be made to secure a victory.

Melbourne, May 21.—The leading Chinese residents have waited upon the Major with a petition for the assistance of the movement for subscriptions in aid of their starving countrymen in China. The Mayor has consented to become treasurer of the fund. The sum of £245 has been already subscribed.

June 7.—The subscriptions are coming in freely.

Wellington (N.Z.), May 21.—The *Ann Gambles*, barque, from London, when attempting to enter Bluff Harbor, drove ashore, and was totally wrecked. Crew reported safe.

Sydney May 22.—The *Evening News* states that his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson has received from the Imperial Government an offer of an important position, and that the decision of the Governor may be expected in a few days.

June 6.—With regard to the report that the Marquis of Normanby has been offered the Governorship of New South Wales, as successor to his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, a telegram from the private secretary to Lord Normanby, dated from Wellington on the 2nd instant, states that his Excellency had received no intimation to that effect.

Brisbane, June 6.—The gold exports for 1876 were 374,778 oz. The exports for 1877 reached 480,104 oz.

Cobb's stables at Roma were burnt down last night. The horses are saved.

Adelaide, June 12.—The surveyors of the railway route to Port Darwin at Pine Creek report favourably. They consider the country good for agricultural settlement, and not difficult in an engineering point of view.

Melbourne, June 12.—The weather to-day was very stormy. There is a gale along the coast, and the *Avoca* was unable to cross for mail into the *Siam*. A schooner parted her anchors, and was driven out to sea at Warramunga.

11 p.m.—The weather is still very boisterous. Several boats were blown ashore to-day, and two lime crafts were also driven ashore. The barometer is still falling. The *Siam* cannot get out till the weather moderates.

Cooktown, June 10.—The road from here to the Eight Mile is lined with some hundreds of tents, occupied by men who are waiting to follow the prospectors to the Coen.

Packers advertise that they will convey goods to the new rush at shippers' port pound.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.—A Sydney telegram states that, great interest is being taken in the expected sculling match for the championship between Higgins and Trickett. The latter is in splendid form and the loss of his third finger is not likely to interfere with his rowing. He has done good time since his accident. The exact terms on which Trickett holds the Championship are that he allow £150 as expenses to any rower who challenges him, or £300 if it is for £1000. Trickett's boat is crowded with people interested in the match.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, July 10, 1878.

PIUM.—New Patna, cash...£602 s 605
" Old Patna, credit...
" Old Patna, cash...None
" New Benares, cash...£724 s 575
" Old Benares, credit...
" Old Benares, cash...None
" New Malwa, cash...8024
" Allowance...£24 s 24

Exchange.

Bank, on demand...£399
" 30 days' sight...£399
" 6 months' sight...£310 s 3
Credits...£310 s 3
Documentary, 6 months' sight...£310 s 3
Framby, demand Rupees...£264
Calcutta, demand...£724
Shanghai, demand...£724
" 30 days...£724
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B...£109
Sycee...£8
Mexican...£1 s 6 p. 25
Gold Leaf...£620
English Sovereigns...£620
Australian Sovereigns...£620
Discount...£8 to 9 %

Shares.
Hongkong Bank, 71 % prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, £1,800
China Traders' Ins. Co., £1,475
Yongtze Ins. Assoc., £1,680
China Insurance Co., £230
North China Ins. Co., £1,080
H.K. & F. Ins. Co., £800
China Fire Ins. Co., £207
H.K. & F. Dock Co., 18 % prem.
H.K. & F. S.S. Co., £1 4 1/2
Shanghai Steam Navigation, £1 1/2
Hongkong Gas Co., £80
Hongkong & S.W. Co., £88
China Sugar Refining Co., 40 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, £108.10, ex int.
Do. of 1877, £107.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Puleston & Co's Premises Queen's Road.)

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BAROMETRE—9 A.M. 30.022
Do. 1 P.M. 29.990
Do. 4 P.M. 29.942
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 82
Do. 1 P.M. 82
Do. 4 P.M. 82
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 81
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 81
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 81
Do. Maximum 84
Do. Minimum 78

